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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

With the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtic.

To the PRINTER.

SIR,

THESE give you to underſtand, that I have agreed with my *Hybernian* Relation to make one in a Debate out of Doors, and chuſe you, who are the only proper Perſon for that Office, to be the Speaker of our Society. My Part now comes on, who am appointed to ſecond the Motion of *Philo-Virginia*, and that you may not be at a Loſs for my Name, it is *Philo-Bombaſtia*, and therefore

Mr. *Hunter*.

Mr. *Bombaſtia*.

Mr. Hunter,

THE Gentleman, who ſpoke laſt, by the Perfection of his Stile, deep Erudition, and great Reading, very much *conciliates my Veneration*. It is not without diſcruciating Reflections upon my own Inabilities, that I preſume to come next to ſo deep a Reaſoner, and ſo great a Maſter of elegant Compoſition. However, that I may diſcharge the Part I have undertaken (which it is too late to relinquiſh) as well as I can, I ſhall methodically take a View of the Foundation, which my Precurſor has laid, and then proceed to the Superſtructure left for me to erect.

My noble Precurſor *has demonſtrated with all the profound Learning, and maſterly Reaſoning peculiar to his Speeches*, the Neceſſity of Religion in general, by a very ſhort, but moſt convincing Argument, *the Authority of Mr. Warburton*. He has next given the Religion of *Jeſus* the Preference to all others, not principally for the Sake of its divine Original, which he has with great Judgment uſed only as a collateral or ſecondary Argument, thrown in *par Accident*, but for it's being the *generous Religion* of *Patriots*, in which indeed it is peculiar, and diſtinguiſh'd from all other Religions. For it is very plain, eſpecially to Perſons of his Reading, that the Religion of *Pagans* never was the *Religion of Patriots*, nor the Religion of *Mahomet* either is, or ever will be the *Religion of Patriots*; that there were no *Patriots* among the ancient *Greeks* and *Romans*, nor are to this Day, or ever can be, in *Turkey*, or any *Aſiatic* Government, while they continue of their preſent Perſuaſion.

I cannot agree ſo entirely with my *generous* Precurſor in the next Article, which he moſt orderly takes in Hand. For I own he appears to me too partial to the Church of *England*, and much too liberal of his Compliments to the Miniſters of that Church. He has conceived ſo high an Opinion of their Abilities, that he ſuppoſes them ſent to convince thoſe, *who can live in contented Ignorance of revealed Religion, though ſhining round them with Almighty Evidence*. Now there is an Ignorance, which is more than contented,---which is a *happy* one, and conceits itſelf to be *Learning*, known vulgarly by the Name of *a Fool's Paradiſe*; but how this, or any other Ignorance, which can reſiſt Almighty Evidence, when offered to it, can be removed by our Parſons, is beyond my Comprehenſion. He ſuppoſes it to be the *generous* Buſineſs of the ſame Miniſters to *concur with the Magiſtracy in humaniſing a ſavage World*; but this is more than the moſt ſanguine of them ever undertook. They meddle with no ſuch mighty Difficulties, thank ye,---they pretend only to *do their beſt in propagating* the *Chriſtian Faith* in *civilized* Countries,---*they concur with the Magiſtracy in humanizing a ſavage World!* I would fain ſee one of them *concurring with the Magiſtracy of a ſingle ſavage Nation, in Order to humanize it*. The moſt ancient Propagators of Chriſtianity were not ſo viſionary as to attempt concurring with the Magiſtracy even of *polite* Nations; ---they *only* deſired the Magiſtrates to concur *with them, reproving*, and *rebuking* them for a Refuſal; which Humour of theirs much increaſed the Catalogue of Martyrs. But if this be not ſufficient to ſatisfy my Precurſor in the Point, I can produce two favourite Authors, to whoſe Judgment he pays a moſt implicit Regard; I mean Mr. *Warburton*, and HIMSELF. I ſhall not affront his *extenſive* Reading in Mr. *Warburton* ſo far as to quote a Paſſage from that Author; but as it is poſſible, he may have forgotten, what he has ſaid himſelf (a Qualification commonly poſſeſſed by great Men) the Words I allude to are theſe, *Chriſtianity is not the Artifice of Politicians to awe the unruly Populace, but bears the moſt inconteſtable Credentials of it's divine Original, and is chiefly intended and adapted to form us for a happy Immortality; yet it has the ſtrongeſt Tendency to promote the Weal of Mankind in a civil Capacity*. As to *putting the Reins of licentious Appetite into the controuling Hands of Conſcience; explaining and inculcating the Duties of a ſocial Life; as well as ſhewing Men the Way of Salvation*. I am afraid the firſt depends as much upon the Will of his meaneſt Pariſhioner, as upon the good *Doctor* himſelf,---that the ſecond is no Part of his Aim, except it ſhould happen to be included in the laſt (as it is not impoſſible but it may) which laſt, I take to be all that the Parſon (whom my Precurſor's too great Fondneſs for the miniſterial Function has made ſo formidable a Hero of) undertakes to accompliſh. He might therefore have been more ſparing in his Panegerick, without Fear of being characterized either for a Bigot, or a Free-Thinker. However I am glad to obſerve, that though this Fear kept him from attacking the whole Set, yet it could not keep him from being ſo *juſt* as to own, that ſome of the Clergy, *without naming whom*, are *uſeleſs Lumber*, or *public Nuiſances*,---that to raiſe any of them *above Want*, and extricate them from the Hurries, and Incumbrances of Life, muſt indeed appear highly reaſonable to *their Friends*, but whether it can do ſo to any Body elſe, he is not ſo hardy as to affirm. It is a ſenſible Pleaſure to find one, who is *violently* attached to the *Intereſt of the Clergy*, go thus far; but, as I profeſs myſelf not their Friend, I cannot but remark to my own Honour, that however I may be inferior in Talents to my *generous*, and *erudite* Precurſor, I am in this Reſpect fitter to diſplay that Scheme in its full Latitude, which he was fitteſt to begin. Tho' he was fitteſt to *ſpeak*; I am fitteſt to *ſpeak out*.

Our Foundation then conſiſts of the following Arguments.

1——The Number of *bad Clergymen* (which is our Corner Stone.)

2——*Diſſenters* are ready to flock from *Pennſylvania*, that moderate Government; and *Ireland*, where they groan under the Burden of exorbitant Tithes and Decimations, in their native Country.

3——*Young Pennſylvania* flouriſhes more than *old Virginia*; and that without *eternal Fiddling about that ſovereign Weed Tobacco*.

4——*Philadelphia* is the Mart of Nations, who unite their various Arts, and exert their different Geniuſſes to make it flouriſh with a *blended Profuſion* of all the uſeful *Peculiarities* of moſt of the *European* Nations.

5——Proteſtant *Diſſenters* are a *laborious People*.

6——*Diſſenters* have Religion enough to render them *good Subjects*.

7——This Colony has Room enough to ſpare for an Inundation of them.

8——That the *Hybernians* are great *Fortune Hunters*.

This is our Bottom, and the great Top ſuitable to it is *extenſive* Toleration, which it is now my Province to raiſe.

1——This extenſive Toleration muſt exceed that allowed by Act of of Parliament; otherwiſe it would be no Remedy for thoſe Burdens mentioned in the ſecond Argument.

2——It muſt not be ſo narrow as that mentioned by Dr. *Swift*, who in his Sentiments of a Church of *England* Man (a Piece not worth Reading) impudently ſays, * 'Sects in a *State* ſeem only tolerated with *any* 'Reaſon, becauſe they are *already ſpread*, and becauſe it would not be 'agreeable with ſo mild a Government, or ſo pure a Religion as ours, to 'uſe violent Methods againſt *great Numbers* of *miſtaken* People, while they 'do not *manifeſtly endanger* the *Conſtitution* of *either*. But the greateſt 'Advocates for *general Liberty* of *Conſcience* will allow they ought to be 'check'd in their *Beginnings*, if they will allow them to be any Evil at all, 'or, which is the ſame Thing, if they will only grant, it were *better for* 'the *Peace* of the *State*, that there ſhould be *none*.'

3——This extenſive Toleration muſt extend to the State, as well as the Church. I am as great a Friend to the one, as my Precurſor is to the other; and therefore ſince he would not abuſe the whole Set of Clergy, leſt he ſhould be accounted a Free-Thinker, ſo neither will I abuſe the whole Set of Magiſtrates, leſt I ſhould be reckon'd a Highway-Man, or a Robber,---an Independent, a Leveller, and an Enemy to all Government. But, I hope I may ſay, without Offence, that if ſome Juſtices, and Militia-Officers, are not uſeleſs Lumber, and public Nuiſances, or have not fallen under juſt Contempt, yet they are no very great Credit to their Order. Now a Toleration to admit Proteſtant Diſſenters of every Denomination to all Offices of State would be full as good a Sink to carry off our ill-qualified Magiſtrates, as the extenſive Toleration of diſſenting Preachers to receive our ill-qualified Clergy; and which of the two Bodies of Men want *draining* the moſt, is perhaps not ſo eaſy to determine, as it may appear to every *ſuperficial* Obſerver. Beſides the ſixth Argument of our Foundation tells us, that Proteſtant Diſſenters have Religion enough to be *good Subjects*, which qualifies them for an Office in the State; but it does not ſay, whether they have Religion enough to be *good Chriſtians*, which would be one Qualification of *tolerable* Importance for Preachers. The fifth Argument ſays, that Diſſenters are a *laborious* People; and it is well known from Hiſtory that they are full as laborious to gain Offices in the State, as Offices in the Church,---think their being kept from the one as burdenſome, and as great a Hardſhip, as their being refuſed the Benefits of the other, and love to go a *Colonelling* as much as any People under the Sun. Let us therefore paſs as many Compliments, as you pleaſe, upon our *old*, and *preſent* Magiſtrates, but let us make a Law to encourage the *new ones*.

4——This exenſive Toleration muſt not only take in Proteſtant Diſſenters of all Kinds (under which Term, we comprehend Free-Thinkers, Infidels, Jacobites, and Convicts, who are *State-Diſſenters*) but alſo Roman Catholicks themſelves. The Roman Catholicks want the moſt of any People to be relieved from the Burdens complain'd of in the ſecond Argument. We cannot without them import all the uſeful *Peculiarities* of *European* Nations recommended in the fourth Argument. They are a laborious indefatigable People to obtain Offices of Church, and State; as

* The Toleration, which this impertinent Writer on Government, and low Dabler in Politicks, would have, will never anſwer any of the Purpoſes intended by the Arguments, which make our Foundation.

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well as those mentioned in the fifth Argument. They will help to fill up the vacant Places of the Colony, upon *Missisippi*, according to the seventh Argument. And I know not, why they should not have their Share of Fortune-hunting with the other *Hybernians* in the eighth Argument. Why should one Part of the *Kingdom* for God's Sake, be suffered to run away with all the *Indian Queens*, and *Princesses*.

Thus I have shewn you that *extensive* Toleration, which is destin'd to make us wiser than our Mother Country,---which will make *England* a Land of Slavery in Comparison of *Virginia* for Liberty.---Liberty!---O charming Liberty! sing *Io Triumphe* to Liberty. Do not, pray Gentlemen, put such a Disgrace upon the Goddess, as to make her come in at the Back-door, and then banish her behind the *Mountain-Springs, which send forth irriguous Streams from the Foot of the American Alps*, as my Precursor so *sublimely* proposes. No, let the Fore-door be thrown open to welcome her and her Attendant Anarchy, and her Votaries of all Sorts; ---make the *Capes* wider if possible, that their Entrance may be render'd as august as can be imagined, and a Fig for such narrow Limits as the Lands of *Missisippi*;---let them revel from the *Atlantic* Ocean to the *Pacific*, and that you may be true Worshippers of Liberty make your Negroes as free as yourselves. Then shall you be delivered from *useless Lumber* and *publick Nuisances*,---Then shall you out-do *Philadelphia* for *Variety of Peculiarities*, and grow as rich as *Pennsylvania* herself, without planting that sovereign Weed, which was never yet planted in *Pennsylvania*.

It is therefore humbly submitted to the Legislature, *whether* the *passing an Act to admit all Persons of all Nations and Opinions, from all Parts of the World, to be naturalized and tolerated, and to enjoy any Office in Church, or State, throughout the Colony of* Virginia, *and to set all Slaves free in this Country of Liberty*, would not be for the publick Utility? ——'Tis probable some Petitions may be presented for this Purpose, and this is only intended to introduce them.

L O N D O N,

October 4. There is lately arrived in Town from the East-Indies, but last from Lisbon, a Man of the most surprizing unaccountable Genius, that has appeared in the World for these many Ages past; he says he is an Italian, and a Native of Civitta Vecchia, named Signior Andero Grimalde Volante, aged about Fifty, of a middle Stature, in Holy Orders of the College of Jesus, and went abroad twenty Years since, to travel in the Eastern Nations, by Order of the Father Provincial of the *Propaganda fide*.

This wonderful Man, after fourteen Years great Labour and Expence, has compleated one of the most astonishing and compleatest Pieces of Mechanism, the World ever yet beheld. It is a Case of a most curious Texture and Workmanship, which, by the Help of Clockwork, is made to mount in the Air, and to proceed with that Rapidity of Force and Swiftness, as to be able to travel at the Rate of seven Leagues an Hour. It is in Shape of a great Bird, the Extent of whose Wings, from Tip to Tip, is twenty two Feet; the Body is composed of Pieces of Cork, curiously held together by Joints of Wire, covered with Vellum and Feathers; the Wings of Catgut and Whalebone Springs, and covered with the same, and folds up in three Joints each. In the Body of the Machine is contained thirty Wheels, of peculiar Make, with two Rollers, or Barrels of Brass, and small Chains, which alternately wind off from each other a counterpoise Weight, and by the Help of six Brass Tubes, that slide in Groves, with Partitions in them, and loaded with a certain Quantity of Quicksilver, the Machine is by Help of the Artist, kept in due Equilibrium and Ballance; and by the Friction of a Steel Wheel, properly tempered, and a large surprizing Magnet, the whole is kept in regular progressive Motion, unless the Temperature of Winds and Weather prevents, for he can no more fly in a Calm than he can in a Storm. This wonderful Machine is guided and directed by a Tail seven Feet long, which is fastened by Leather Straps to his Knees and Ancles; and by the expanding his Legs, either to the Right or Left, he moves the whole which Way he chuses: The Head is also beautifully formed, and represents that of an Eagle's. The upper and lower Bill is made of a curious Arabian Goat's Horn, transparent, and Eyes of Glass, as natural as the Life, and turns upon an Axis inward, by the Help of two Wires fastened to the lower Beak, which keeps all three in perpetual Motion, as long as the Machine flies, (which is but three Hours) and then the Wings gradually close, and he of Course lights gently on his Feet, when he winds up the Clockwork, and sets himself again on the Wing. But should any of his Springs or Wheels give Way he must inevitably fall to the Earth, like a Mill-stone out of the Clouds, for which Reason he never soars above the Height of a common Tree; nor has but once adventured to cross the Sea, which was from Calais to Dover, and the same Morning arrived in London, to which Metropolis he was out of Curiosity drawn, by the Fame of some of our learned and curious Workmen in Mechanicks, who at this Day seem to vie, and even to out-do any of the known World, for Invention, Beauty, and Elegance; and he has already made his Application to two of the most Eminent in that Science, (who have seen him perform) and have promised to accomplish him by Christmas an entire new Set of Wheels, finished in a more accurate Manner, and not so liable to Accidents; and to be contained in half the Space, with this additional Difference, that it shall move much swifter and continue for the Space of six Hours, at the Rate of thirty Miles per Hour, without winding up. The delightful Choice of Feathers that adorn this Bird, as I may call it, surpass Belief or Imagination, and much more the Skill of the most eminent Painter to imitate the beautiful Diversity of Colours and Shades there represented in the most lively Manner; and the Colour consists of Azure, Gold, Scarlets, Greens, Browns, Blue, and White, ranged in such beautiful Form and Order, that the like was never seen. He has made one Tour from Hyde-Park to Windsor-Lodge, and back again, in less than two Hours, and proposes on his Majesty's Birth-Day, to set off from the Top of the Monument, at Nine o'Clock, if the Winds and Weather permit, and to make a Tour of the whole City and Suburbs, and settle in Hyde-Park, about Eleven. He at present is lodged privately at the House of an eminent Jew in Duke's Place. When his new Machine is fully compleated, he proposes to teach any Gentleman the Art and Use of it in a Month's Time, for Fifty Guineas, provided they do not live above the Distance of a Hundred and Fifty Miles from London.——*This (if true) would be a fine Instrument for the Post-Offices and News-Mongers, provided no Body else was allowed the Use of it.*

Oct. 24. In a Letter from Clare, in Suffolk, we hear that the following amazing Imposture has lately been practis'd there. A Person dressed in the Habit of a Divine, enquired for the Dissenting Teacher, and told him that he was a Brother in Profession, that he had settled a Congregation in Amsterdam, from which he possessed a Salary of 300 l. a Year, and having Occasion to pass that Way in the Course of Business, he used the Freedom to wait on him: The Teacher believed his Story, and desired him to stay a few Days with him: On the ensuing Sunday the Imposture preached in a very pathetic Manner, and obtained the Applause of the vulgar Part of the Audience. He was invited to stay another Week, and preached a second Time with equal Success. On the next Monday Night this Deceiver made an Attack on the Minister's Maid, which she communicating to her Master, alarmed his Suspicion, and he began to form Expedients to get rid of his Guest; the Minister coming to Town desired his Guest to accompany him, and offered to accommodate him with a Horse; with this Proposal he comply'd, but when they were on their Journey, his ungrateful Guest discovered a Pistol, which he held to the Minister's Breast, robb'd him of his Watch and a few Guineas, and then rode off with great Precipitation across the Country.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, March 20.

The *Fame, Churchman*, of *Bristol*, from *Barbadoes*, is arrived in *York* River.

*** *For Advertisements, &c. See the Supplement.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

From the Council Chamber, March 17, 1752.

THE Governor and Council, this Day, taking into Consideration the Delay of Justice in the County Courts, which they have Reason to apprehend is chiefly owing to the too great Number, and Neglect of Justices; to remedy the said Inconvenience and Grievance, and expedite the Business of the said Courts were pleased to Order, That the several County-Court-Clerks attend the Governor, on the 25th of *April* next, with a List of the Justices who have qualify'd themselves, of those who have refused, and their Reasons for such Refusal.

N. Walthoe, Cl. Con.

Hampton, March 18, 1752.

I GIVE this public Notice, That I intend to embark for *Great-Britain*, in *May* next; and therefore desire all Persons who have any Demands against me, to bring in their Accounts, to receive immediate Payment; and those who are indebted to me, to bring or send their respective Ballances to *Williamsburg*; where I shall attend, from the 15th of *April* until the last Day of the General Court.

John Hunter.

N. B. My Business will be carried on as usual, until my Return, by Mr. *James Balfour*, who will be properly impower'd for that Purpose. *J. H.*

March 18, 1752.

RAN away, last Night, from the Subscriber, a Negroe Man, named *Anthony*; he is a tall slim young Fellow, hollow-eye'd, and has a large Scar of a Burn on one of his Wrists; he is very subtil, and frequently changes his Name when run away, and is suppos'd to be concern'd in a Robbery, committed in the Neighbourhood a few Nights ago, which is thought to be the Cause of his running away, as no other appears yet: Together with him went, I suppose for the same Reason, another Fellow, named *Matt Cooper*, who is a squat well-set young Fellow, and has a Scar of a Boil on one of his Cheeks, just below the under Jaw-bone. Whoever takes up the said Runaways, or either, and conveys them to me, according to Law, shall be generously rewarded, by

Philip Ludwell.

To be RUN for, at Dudley's *Ferry, in* King *and* Queen *County*,

A PURSE of the Value of 82 Pistoles, by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, each carrying 130, Pounds, on the first *Monday* in *April* next.

Robert Dudley.

WHEREAS there has been, lately, sundry valuable Commodities stolen out of Packages, in their Transportation from the Snow *Pelham* to their Owners; in particular two Cases of Razors, 4 in the Set, with Tortoise-shell Handles, mark'd on the Blade *Locker*; also some *China*, Glass-ware, *&c.* Any Person that will give Information of the above Goods, so as they may be had again, shall have a Pistole Reward; or any Person that may have bought any of them, not knowing them to be stolen, may have their Money again, with Thanks, from

Thomas Tuille.

To be S O L D,

THE Lands and Tenements of *Joseph Pleasants*, late of *Nansemond* County, deceas'd, containing three Tracts of well-timber'd Land; one being the Plantation whereon Mrs. *Elizabeth Burleigh* now lives, containing 300 Acres, with good Buildings thereon: The other Two lie in *Norfolk* County, one 150 Acres, in tenantable Repair, the other 50 Acres of Wood Land; all near Landings, on *Bennet*'s-Creek, and the Western Branch of *Elizabeth* River. Any Person inclinable to purchase, by applying to Mr. *Lemuel Reddick*, or Mr. *Exum Scott*, in *Nansemond* County, or to the Subscriber, in *Henrico*, may know the Terms.

2‖ *John Pleasants*, jun.

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber, living in Prince George *County, on the Premisses, on the second* Monday *in* August *next, to the highest Bidder, for ready Money*,

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of Land, containing both valuable high and low Grounds, affords good Water, good Pasturage, and is well-timbered with large Oak, Pine and Poplar, whereon are three good Plantations, in good Order for Cropping; and the Manor Plantation is a very handsome Situation, with the following Conveniencies, *viz.* One Dwelling-house, 38 by 25, containing 4 Rooms and 4 Closets, with two Brick Chimneys, plaister'd and White-wash'd; also another Dwelling-house, 38 by 18, with a Stack of Chimnies in the Middle, two Rooms on a Floor, and a large Closet, plaistered and white-wash'd, a good Dairy, Meat-house, Smoak-house, Kitchen, Quarter, Spinning-house, with a Brick Chimney, one 40 and one 32 Feet Tobacco Houses, a large well-fix'd Store, with several other convenient Houses and Orchards; and on each of the other Plantations are two 32 Feet Tobacco Houses, an Overseer's House, and Negroe Quarters; likewise Orchards, and good Water.

21 *Thomas Eldridge.*

THERE was shipp'd to me, by *Joseph Farrell* and Nephew, from *Bristol*, by the *Virginia-Packet, Thomas Aiselby*, Master, in the Year 1750, a Cask, mark'd TW in a Piece, No. 3. containing 500 *lbs.* Weight of Drop and Goose Shot, which I have never receiv'd, and imagine was deliver'd to some other Person by Mistake. If any Person will give Intelligence of the same, by a Line directed to me in *Princess Anne* County, the Favour will be thankfully acknowledged, by

2 *Thomas Walke.*

STRAY'D from *Queen*'s Creek, in *York* County, about the last Day of *March*, 1751, a middle-siz'd dark Bay Mare, being then very big with Foal; she was branded on the off Buttock +, and on the off Shoulder with a Stroke right down thus |, she trots and gallops with good Spirit. Whoever brings her to me, shall have a Pistole Reward. *Robert Armistead.*

Virginia, ſſ.

By the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Eſq; His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*:

To all Sheriffs, Conſtables, and other His Majeſty's Liege People, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come. Greeting.

WHEREAS *Cæſar*, a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to *Nathaniel Harriſon*, of the County of *Prince George*, under Sentence of Death, for Felony and Burglary, hath been lately reſcued, and made his Eſcape, out of the Goal of the ſaid County; and there is great Reaſon to ſuſpect that the ſaid *Nathaniel Harriſon* is concerned in the ſaid Reſcue, and is fled with the ſaid Negroe: The ſaid *Harriſon* is a *Virginian*, about thirty-four Years of Age, about five Feet ten Inches high, of a fair Complexion, ſpeaks very faſt, and ſtammers much; he ſometimes wears a dark Wig, but moſt common a Cap; his Hair is very thin, having ſeveral Scars on his Head, occaſioned by a ſcald Head when a Boy; his Dreſs uncertain, having it in his Power to change; he writes a good Hand, and 'tis ſuppos'd will forge Paſſes both for himſelf and Negroe: The Negroe is *Virginia*-born, about thirty-four or thirty-five Years of Age, a ſtreight well-made Fellow, about ſix Feet high, of a yellow Complexion; his Teeth are ſmall and ſet at a Diſtance from each other, and appear at firſt Sight as if they were filed; he liſps a little, his Eyes are generally enflamed and the Balls extremely red; he is a very cunning ſubtle Fellow, can read very well, and write a little; it is ſuppos'd he will endeavour to paſs for a free Man, and follow the Shoemaker's Trade as he underſtands a little of the Buſineſs; his Dreſs is uncertain, but had on when he eſcaped, a Double-breaſted Cloth colour'd Waiſtcoat, and wide Oznabrigs Breeches like Sailors Trouſers.

THESE are therefore in His Majeſty's Name, to command and require all Sheriffs, Conſtables, and other His Majeſty's Liege People, within this Colony, to make diligent Search and Purſuit, by Way of Hue and Cry, within their ſeveral Counties and Precincts, after the ſaid Nathaniel Harriſon, *and Negroe Man* Cæſar; *and them, or either of them having found, to apprehend and carry before the next Juſtice of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law: And I do deſire the Governors of the neighbouring Colonies and Provinces, to be aiding and aſſiſting in apprehending and bringing the ſaid Offenders to Juſtice, hereby promiſing a Reward of Five Piſtoles, for apprehending the ſaid* Nathaniel Harriſon, *and Negroe Man* Cæſar, *or either of them.*

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Williamſburg, *this Fifth Day of* March, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, in the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King* GEORGE *the Second.*

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

To be SOLD, to the higheſt Bidder, at Mr. Wetherburn's, *in* Williamſburg, *the laſt* Thurſday *in this Month,*

THREE Hundred Acres of Land, more or leſs, lying on the Road from *York* to *Williamſburg*, commonly called the *French* Ordinary. Six Month's Credit will be allowed, the Purchaſer giving good Security, as uſual. 1

Surry County, *Feb.* 26, 1752.

THE Subſcriber intends (God willing) for *England*, by the laſt of *June* next. All Perſons indebted to me, or that have any Demands againſt me, are deſired to ballance Accounts,

Samuel Peete.

IMPORTED in the Ship Martha, *Capt.* John Capps, *from* London,

A BALE of Goods, marked MM in a Piece, No. 1, belonging to the Eſtate of *Matthew Maury*, deceas'd, containing Linen and Books: As I have not heard where the ſaid Goods are landed, any Perſon who will give Intelligence of them to the Printer, will oblige

1 Their humble Servant,

Daniel Claiborne, Executor.

Blandford, March 10, 1752.

FOUND by the Subſcriber's Boy, on the main Road between *Cabin-Point* and *Swan's-Point*, a Piece of Gold. The Owner proving his Property by deſcribing it, may have it again, on paying the Charge of this Advertiſement,

Charles Neilſon.

March 13, 1752.

COMMITTED to *York* Goal, on *Wedneſday* laſt, Two white Men, ſuppos'd to be Servants, who ſay their Names are *John Price* and *Francis Roſs*:

John Price, aged about 18 Years, is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a thin Viſage, wears a Cap, and has on an old white Cotton Waiſtcoat and Breeches, and an Oznabrigs Shirt.

Francis Roſs, aged about 23 Years, and about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, wears his own Hair, has on, likewiſe, an old Cotton Waiſtcoat and Breeches, and an Oznabrigs Shirt.

Their Owners may have them, on paying Charges to

Robert Sheild, jun. Sheriff.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Goochland* County, a middle-ſiz'd Black Horſe, with a Star in his Forehead, and branded on the near Buttock IH. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property, and paying lawful Charges,

3‖ *James Greſham.*

THERE is at the Subſcriber's Plantation, in *Eſſex* County, a dark Brown or Cheſnut colour'd Horſe, 4 Feet and a half high, he has a long Sprig Tail, ſome white Hairs in his Forehead, and is branded on the near Buttock E L. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

Francis Smith.

February 15, 1752.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, a ſmall Sorrel Gelding, with a Star in his Forehead, branded on the near Buttock I A. The Owner may have him by applying to the Subſcriber, living below *Slate*-River, in *Albemarle* County, on paying as the Law directs. The ſaid Horſe having been already poſted in the ſaid County, according to Law, was, by an Order this Day obtained from Mr. *Samuel Jordan*, appraiſed to the Value of 2 *l.* 15 *s.* Current Money.

John Fearn,

THE Ship *Matthew & Elizabeth*, *George Hubard*, Commander, who has now upwards of one hundred Hogſheads of Tobacco on Board, and is now lying in *York* River, will immediately proceed to *Bermuda-Hundred*, in *James* River, and there take in the Remainder of her Load, to *Robert Cary*, Eſq; and Company, at Seven Pounds *Sterling per* Ton; but for greater Diſpatch will give Liberty of Conſignment. All Gentlemen that are pleaſed to favour the Ship, are deſired to deliver their Orders to the Captain on Board, to Mr. *David Bell*, Merchant, at *Warwick*, or

Their humble Servant,

Mordecai Booth.

STRAY'D or ſtolen from the Plantation of Mr. *William Major*, near *Williamſburg*, a large Sorrel Horſe, a natural Pacer, his Brand unknown. Whoever brings him to the ſaid *Major*, or to me in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have Half a Piſtole Reward.

Sarah Garland.

AS ſeveral Perſons, indebted to the Eſtate of *William Parks*, deceas'd, have, notwithſtanding their Promiſes, neglected to diſcharge their reſpective Ballances, Notice is hereby given, That whatever Bonds or Accounts, due to the ſaid Eſtate, remain unpaid on the firſt Day of *April* next, will be given to an Attorney, and Suits brought thereon: 'Til then the Books will be left at the *Printing-Office*, in *Williamſburg*, where Attendance will be given for ſettling the ſaid Accounts.

John Shelton, Executor.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living in *Amelia* County, on the 20th Day of *January* laſt, a Negroe Man, named *Will*; he is a thick well-ſet Fellow, about 5 Feet and a half high, has a Film on one of his Eyes which almoſt covers the Sight, he is an Outlandiſh Fellow, talks pretty good *Engliſh*, but ſtammers much; he is well cloath'd in Negroe Cotton, his Breeches dy'd of a Purple Colour, and has a new Felt Hat. 'Tis believ'd he has made downwards.

Whoever brings him to me, or ſecures him ſo that I may have him again, ſhall have a Piſtole Reward, beſides what the Law allows, paid by

Edmund Walker.

March 10, 1752.

RAN away from the Ship *Becky*, now lying in *James* River, Two Servant Men, *viz. John Coſgrave*, a large well-ſet Fellow, of a brown Complexion, and much pitted with the Small-Pox; he has been ſeen in *Roanoke*.

Richard Staples, by Trade a Shipwright, of a middle Stature, brown Complexion, thin Viſage, and much pitted with the Small-Pox; and has been ſeen in *Glocester*.

Whoever will ſecure the ſaid Run-aways, or either of them, and give Notice thereof to the Subſcriber on board the ſaid Ship, to Mr. *Charles Stewart*, or Mr. *Robert Blaws*, Merchants, in *Norfolk*, or convey them on Board the ſaid Ship, ſhall have Two Piſtoles Reward, beſides reaſonable Charges.

James Buchannan.

March 10, 1752.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living in *Prince George* County, about a Fortnight ago, a luſty well-ſet *Virginia*-born Negroe Man Slave, named *Vallen*; he is a ſmooth-tongued cunning Fellow, and it's probable will endeavour to impoſe on People, by pretending to be what he is not; and it's not unlikely will change his Name; he is between 30 and 40 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, and had on when he went away, an Oznabrigs Shirt, a Cotton Waiſtcoat and Breeches, dy'd Yellow, and a Pair of Breeches not dy'd. Whoever will take up and ſecure him, ſo that I may have him again, ſhall have Two Piſtoles if taken up on the South Side of *James* River, if in *Carolina*, or the North Side of *James* River, Three Piſtoles Reward, beſides what the Law allows, paid by

William Broadnax.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of *Benjamin Carrol*, deceas'd, are deſired to make immediate Payment, to prevent Trouble; and thoſe who have any Accounts againſt the ſaid Eſtate, are deſired to bring them in, that they may be ſettled.

3‖ *William Seward*, jun. } Adminiſtrators.
Jordan Thomas, }

To be SOLD, in North-Carolina,

A TRACT of Land, containing 650 Acres, near *White's* Ferry, in *Chowan* County, whereon Mr. *Heron* formerly lived; alſo another Tract, lying below the Ferry on the River, containing 1000 Acres. Any Perſon may know the Terms by applying to the Subſcriber, living on the Premiſſes.

2‖ *William Boyd.*

March 9, 1752.

WHEREAS one *John Pickens*, of the County of *Auguſta*, became indebted to the Subſcriber in the Sum of 188 *l.* Current Money, for ſundry Goods, and for ſecuring the Payment of the ſaid Sum voluntarily mortgaged a Tract of Land whereon he now lives, which he bought of *William Beverley*, Eſq; containing 764 Acres, more or leſs, and promiſed to acknowledge the ſaid Mortgage in Court, and have it recorded, but hath failed ſo to do: And, as the ſaid Court is quarterly, the ſaid Mortgage cannot be proved by the Witneſſes thereto within the Time limited by Law: Therefore this Notice is given, in Order to prevent the ſaid *John Pickens* from ſelling or mortgaging the ſaid Land to any other Perſon.

Anthony Strother.

To be SOLD, by the Subſcriber, near the Capitol, *in* Williamſburg,

GENUINE *French* Claret, at 40 *s. per* Dozen, Samples whereof may be had at 4 *s.* a Bottle, net *Barbadoes* Rum at 5 *s. per* Gallon; alſo fine *Madeira* Wine, *Engliſh* Beer, and *Hagles*'s Cyder, at the common Rates; alſo a Caſk of fine Hogs-Lard, of about 230 *lb.* Weight, with ſeveral Pots of Capers and Anchovies.

2 *Daniel Fiſher.*

WHEREAS ſome ill-diſpos'd Perſons have reported, that the Subſcriber hath not ſufficient Entertainment: This is to give Notice, That all Gentlemen who will favour me with their Company, may depend on good Entertainment, at the *Crown* Tavern, oppoſite to the *Printing-Office*, in *Williamſburg*, by

Their humble Servant,

William Dunn.

February 20, 1752.

CAME to the Subſcriber's Plantation, near *Saliſbury Plain*, in *Fairfax* County, 7 Months ago, one Black Ox, with a Wen on his left Side; and one Brindle ditto, mark'd with the Ears pared round: They have been already advertis'd in Writing.

The Owners may have them of me, on proving their Property, and paying Charges.

Fielding Turner.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Amelia* County, a middle-ſiz'd dark Bay Horſe, about 9 or 10 Years old this Spring, with a Blaze in his Forehead, and a Snip on his Noſe, branded on the near Shoulder 11. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

3‖ *Robert Vaughan.*

NEWLY imported to *Suffolk*, in *Nanſemond* County, by the Subſcribers, who will give Attendance there, an Aſſortment of Woollen Goods, amounting to 1400 Pounds *Sterling*, conſiſting of Broad-Cloth, Broad-Duffils, Bearſkins and Frizes, Narrow-Broads, Kerſeys, Narrow-Bearſkins and Frizes, Halfthicks, Shalloons, Cambletts, Everlaſtings, Serges, Buttons, Twiſt, Blankets, Rugs, &c. As we were Manufacturers of great Part of the Goods, we can afford them on reaſonable Terms, and will take for them either ready Money or Tobacco, or will give Part Goods and Part Money, for Tobacco. We have alſo an Aſſortment of *Mancheſter* Goods, the Particulars too tedious to mention here.

Gervas and *Robert Elam.*

ANY Perſon qualified to keep an Apothecary's Shop may hear of good Encouragement, by applying to the Printer. t. f.

To be SOLD

A Handſome Chariot, and good Harneſs for a Pair of Horſes. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may know the Price of the Printer.

March 5, 1752.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Store lately kept by Mr. *William Burton*, at Mr. *Kenon*'s, in *Charles-City* County, are deſired to pay their reſpective Ballances, to Mr. *William Walker*, of the ſaid County, who is appointed to receive the ſame, by the Subſcriber, to whom Mr. *Burton* has delivered up the Books, by Order of his Employers.

Richard Weir.

Williamſburg, March 5, 1752.

THE Subſcriber having laboured under many Inconveniencies, by Reaſon of outſtanding Debts which have been long due, and notwithſtanding my former Advertiſement, which has not been regarded by Perſons with whom I am concerned; I therefore give this publick Notice, That I will not (for the future) deliver any Stays without ready Money. And I beg the Favour of all Perſons who ſtand indebted to me, to ſend their reſpective Ballances, the better to enable me to carry on my Buſineſs and diſcharge my Debts, which Favour ſhall be gratefully acknowledged, by

Their humble Servant,

James Willſon.

Peterſburg, March 5, 1752.

THE Subſcriber being in Want of Taylors; any that are good Workmen may have very good Encouragement, and others according to what they can earn, more than they can poſſibly get from any one elſe.

Robert Hutchings.

To be SOLD, or RENTED, in Prince George *County,*

A Valuable Plantation, of 185 Acres of Land, lying on the South Side of *Appamattox* River, about three Miles below *Peterſburg*, with a good Orchard, a Dwelling-Houſe, and other covenient Houſes, and a Ferry. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe or rent the ſame, may apply to the Subſcriber, living in *Amelia* County, or to the Printer hereof.

John Mayes.

THE Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*, is much in Want of Houſe-Joiners: This is therefore to give Notice, that if any Perſon or Perſons, who have had the *Small-Pox* and are good Workmen, will apply to me, they ſhall meet with as good Encouragement as in any Part of the Colony.

Robert Waller.

Feb. 29, 1752.

RAN away from the Dwelling-Plantation of the Rev. Mr. *Robert Roſe*, late of *Albemarle* County, deceas'd, Two Servant Men, *viz.*

Robert Green, an *Engliſhman*, about 24 or 25 Years of Age, a middle-ſiz'd, ſmooth-fac'd, well-looking Man, by Trade a Joiner; had on when he went away, a Snuff colour'd Coat with bread Metal Buttons, carried with him two Waiſtcoats, one a grey coloured German Serge, the other fine white Broad-Cloth without Sleeves; alſo two Pair of Buck-ſkin Breeches, a Pair of blackiſh colour'd mill'd Hoſe, and *Engliſh*-made Shoes, a brown Wig, and ſeveral Hats; alſo two light colour'd Suits of Cloaths, one quite new with ſquare Metal Buttons, but no Lining, the other with Mohair Buttons, and a little worn; likewiſe ſeveral Pair of Stockings, both ribb'd and plain; Shirts, ruffled and plain: He alſo took with him a Flea-bitten Horſe, with a Sprig Tail, branded on the off Buttock nearly thus ▢ with a Stroke a-croſs the Middle.

Robert M'Farlan, a *Scotchman*, talks broad, and is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, a large Limb'd Fellow, his Arm has been broke, has a large Bump on his Wriſt, and a Scar on the back Part of his Head; had on when he went away, a Kerſey Coat with Metal Buttons, and carry'd with him a grey and bluiſh Waiſtcoat without Sleeves, two Pair of Breeches, one Cloth the other Buck-ſkin, and a blue Great Coat: Took alſo with him, a large Bay Mare with a Blaze in her Forehead, four white Feet, a long Tail, and branded on the Buttock with double R in a Piece.

It is ſuppos'd the above-mention'd Servants will endeavour to get to Carolina.

Whoever will apprehend and convey them to Col. *Fry*, or to Col. *Harvey*, in *Albemarle*, to Mr. *Duncan Graham*, at *Newcaſtle*, to Mr. *Thomas Atchiſon*, at *Richmond*, or to Mr. *Andrew Roſſe*, at the Falls of *Rappahanock*, ſhall have Four Piſtoles Reward, for each, beſides what the Law allows.

2‖ *Thomas Fitzhugh,*
Alexander Roſe.

The Subſcriber, TAYLOR, *from* Edinburgh, *living at Mr.* Wheatley's, *oppoſite to the Church in* Williamſburg,

MAKES all Sorts of Mens wearing Apparel, after the beſt and neweſt Faſhions; where all Gentlemen, or others, that will favour him with their Cuſtom, may depend on being faithfully and expeditiouſly ſerv'd, by

Their humble Servant;

John Didip.

Spotſylvania, Jan. 13, 1752.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, a middle-ſiz'd dark Bay Horſe, branded on the near Shoulder IP, and on the near Buttock 1B, and has ſeveral Saddle Spots. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property.

Joſeph Brock.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living above the *Little Mountains*, in *Louiſa* County, a Sorrel Mare, with a ſmall Blaze in her Face, four Feet four Inches high, about 6 Years old, dock'd but not branded. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Charles Engliſh.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near *Occoquan* Ferry, a ſmall black Mare, branded on the near Buttock reſembling EO in a Piece with a ſmall 9 at Top, ſhe has with her a Mare Colt about a Year old. Likewiſe taken up, a red and white pied Cow, with both Ears crop'd, and a Slit in the Right, ſhe has a Yearling with her. The Owners may have them of me, on proving their Property and paying as the Law directs.

October 28, 1751. *James Niſbett.*

October 24, 1751.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, a Sorrel Horſe, with a bald Face and Sprig Tail, branded on the near Shoulder and near Buttock S. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

3‖ *William Lucus.*

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living on *Hudſon*'s Creek, in *Louiſa* County, a middle-ſiz'd black Horſe, 4 Feet 4 Inches high, with a white Star in his Forehead, a Switch Tail and hanging Mane, but not branded; he is a natural Pacer, and came to my Houſe in *September* laſt, with a ſmall Bell on. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

David Bumb.

TO be SOLD, at the *Printing-Office*, a great Variety of Bibles and Common Prayer Books, of different Sizes, neatly bound in *Turkey* and gilt.

Dec. 26, 1751.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Orange* County, a white Horſe, about 4 Feet 2 Inches high, a long Mane and Switch Tail, and Flea-bitten about the Face, but not branded. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

3‖ *Thomas Kimbrow.*

January 10, 1752.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Spotſylvania* County, a black and white pied Cow, mark'd with a Crop, a Hole, and an Underkeel in the right Ear, and an Overkeel in the Left. The Owner may have her at my Houſe, on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

Nathan Hawkins.

November 19, 1751.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Goochland* County, a dark colour'd Roan Mare, 4 Feet 4 Inches high, a ſmall Star in her Forehead, a hanging Mane and a Switch Tail, ſome Saddle Spots, and branded on the near Buttock with three Dots. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

3‖ *Joſeph Shelton.*

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Cheſterfield* County, a bright Bay Horſe Colt, about three Years old, neither dock'd nor branded, about 4 Feet 4 Inches and a half high, with a white Star in his Forehead. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

John Traylour.

March 3, 1752.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Henrico* County, a Bay Horſe, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, branded on the near Buttock with Figure 2. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

James Cocke.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, a ſmall grey Mare, branded on the near Buttock H H, ſhe had on a ſmall Bell: Alſo a ſmall Bay Mare, unbranded, with a ſmall Star in her Forehead. The Owner may have them, at my Plantation, near the *Little Mountains*, in *Louiſa* County, on proving their Property and paying Charges,

James Meriwether.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near the *Great Mountains*, in *Louiſa* County, a middle-ſiz'd Bay Mare, branded on the near Buttock R K. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

John Thompſon.

Stafford County, *March* 2, 1752.

AS I have near 30,000 Acres of extraordinary good freſh Land, in *Fairfax* and *Prince William*, which I would willingly rent out to honeſt Tenants, I have impowered Mr. *John Weſt*, jun. at the Town of *Alexandria* (or *Belhaven*) in *Fairfax*, to ſhew the Lands and agree on the Terms, with ſuch Perſons as apply to him to rent the ſame, for three Lives, or 21 Years, and hereby engage myſelf, and my Heirs, to perform whatever Agreements he enters into on that Account.

t. f. *John Mercer.*

King & Queen County, *February* 22, 1752.

LEFT in the Subſcriber's Store, by Capt. *Purden*, of the *Elizabeth*, a ſmall Caſk of Nails, without a viſible Mark or Number. The Owner may have it of me, on proving his Property, and paying the Charge of this Advertiſement.

Thomas Thorp.

To be SOLD,

ONE Thouſand Five Hundred and Forty Three Acres of Wood Land, lying in *Cheſterfield* County, about 20 Miles from *Warwick*, on the main Road to *Amelia*, at 15 *l. per* Hundred. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſame, may apply to Capt. *Wood Jones*, or to the Subſcriber, living in *Amelia* County.

Gower Dennis.

Feb. 20, 1752.

IF there are 600 Subſcribers for my Abridgment of the new Laws by the laſt of the next General Court, the Copy ſhall be ſent to the Preſs within a Month after the Acts of the approaching Seſſion are printed, that I may add them, and make it complete: But as I ſhall wait no longer, if the Subſcription is not by that Time filled up, thoſe who have ſubſcribed ſhall have their Money returned, which I ſhould not have troubled myſelf with, if I could have thought of any other Expedient to ſecure myſelf againſt the baſe Uſage I met with from the Subſcribers to my former Abridgment, who left above 1200 of them on my Hands, tho' I had ſent them, at a conſiderable Expence, to the ſeveral Counties where they lived.

7 *John Mercer.*

Brandon, Feb. 17, 1752.

RAN away on *Tueſday* Se'nnight, from the Subſcriber, a Servant Man, named *Thomas Norris*, by Trade a Taylor; he is about 5 Feet 9 Inches high, well-ſet, of a ſwarthy Complexion, has a Scar on his Forehead, his Cloaths are, a light coloured Cloth Coat and Breeches, a double-breaſted Plaid Jacket, black Stockings, and a ſhort dark grizzled Wig: He has taken ſome other Cloaths with him, and a Pair of Boots. It is imagined he is gone to *Carolina*, having been ſeen on *James* River ſince his Elopement. Whoever will bring him to me, ſhall have Two Piſtoles Reward if taken in this Colony, or Five if in any other.

7 *Philip Grymes.*

To be SOLD on reaſonable Terms, by the Subſcriber,

THREE Hundred and Seventy Five Acres of choice, plantable, well-timber'd, and chiefly low Land, fronting the *Rivanna* River, near *Mackurck* Creek, joining *Robert Adams*'s, *Robert Horſeley*'s, and *Pointer*'s Lands, once the Property of, and ſettled by *James Whaley*, deceas'd, then in *Goochland* County: Alſo 377 Acres of choice Land, and very advantageouſly ſituated, for raiſing of Stock, in *Nanſemond* County, about 15 Miles from *Suffolk*. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe Part, or all the ſaid Lands, may treat with me, at any Time in *Norfolk*, or from the 15th to the 20th Days of next *April*, at the Houſe of Mr. *Wetherburn*, in *Williamſburg*.

11 *Alexander Roſs.*

RG: Printed by WILLIAM HUNTER, at the POST-OFFICE; by whom Perſons may ſ Paper. Advertiſements of a moderate Length are inſerted for Three Shillings the firſt Week, Week after.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE *VIRGINIA* GAZETTE.

Numb. 64.

To the PRINTER.

SIR, *Mount Pleaſant, March* 1, 1752.

AS the Remarks, of which you herewith receive a Part, will contain ſomething uncommon, namely, an *Encomium without Flattery*; they ſeem, in this Reſpect at leaſt, to be entitled to a Place in your News-Paper. I doubt not therefore but, from your known Readineſs to oblige all your Cuſtomers, without Partiality, you will do them ſo much Honour, as to inſert them as they come to Hand, in your *Gazette*. This Kind of Indulgence cannot fail of encouraging ſuch as are Well-Wiſhers to your Paper, to lend you a Lift, when you labour under a Scarcity of News: Among which Well-Wiſhers permit me to include,

Your humble Servant,

Walter Dymocke Anonymous.

REMARKS on the *Virginia PINDAR.*

Pindarum quisquis ſtudet æmulari
Jule, ceratis ope Dædaleâ
Nititur Pennis, vitreo daturus
Nomina Ponto.

HOR.

WHEREAS a very ingenious Writer has lately publiſhed two whole Books * of Divine Poems, judiciouſly ſelected from a much larger Number, which laid by him in Manuſcript, with a learned Preface before them: Wherein he ſhews, that ſuch Poets as *Virgil* and *Pope* can be of little or no Uſe to the World, becauſe few are ſo refined, as to have a Reliſh for their Works; but ſuch Writers as Himſelf muſt be of general and almoſt univerſal Benefit, becauſe their Productions cannot but delight all People, who are not curſed with a good Taſte; which make up at leaſt nine tenths of Mankind. Whereas he enforces this Reaſoning by intimating, that it would be abſurd to cram groſs Feeders with nothing but Tarts and Cheeſe-Cakes; when they have Stomacks ſtrong enough, to break their Faſt with fry'd Hominy, and a greaſy Raſher of fat Bacon: And more directly and even *pertinently* obſerves, that it would be by *no Means* good Conduct in our Mother Country, to confine all Traders to deal in Silks and Sattins, and allow none to ſell *Stuff* and *Fuſtian*; when it is well known that Cuſtomers for the latter Wares are much more numerous, than thoſe for the former. From all which we may draw this plain Concluſion, that the worſt Writers have the beſt Title to Publication. I cannot help owning myſelf of the Number of thoſe, whom our Author has made Converts to this Novel Opinion: For this Reaſon I intend a ſhort Criticiſm upon his Performance, in order to juſtify that Character which He Himſelf (who no doubt is beſt acquainted with its Excellence) has given of it to the Public; and to encourage Him, whenever he finds Himſelf again inclined to honour the Preſs, to proceed with more Aſſurance. For, as on the one Hand, I am glad to find, that a large Stock of Verſes of the ſame Stamp are ſtill laid up, or as He would better expreſs it, *repoſed*, in his Warehouſe, to anſwer any future Demands: So on the other Hand, I have much Compaſſion for the poor Author, when I repreſent Him to my Imagination, ſtanding ſhilly ſhally, reſiſting a long Time the Importunity of his beſt Friends, and overcoming his Reluctance, at laſt, not without a great deal of Maidenly Baſhfulneſs and Bluſhing; not to mention ſome *Remains of Diffidence*, even after having advanced ſo far in his Work as to the ſecond Page of his Preface. All which I hope will wear off, when the World is thoroughly acquainted with his Merit, and He with the *Candour of the World's Poetical Taſte*. Preface, Page 6.

Why, I would fain know, ſhould he ever have doubted Succeſs, had it not been for this plaguy unaccountable Modeſty, which is able to reſtrain a Man from the moſt feaſible Enterprizes. No two Tallies can ſuit one another, as He is convinced, better than He and thoſe for whom He Writes: They have no Taſte for the greater Beauties of Poetry, ſuch as *the proper Arrangement of well diſpoſed Periods*, &c. (Pref. P. 5.) He, *no Capacity* for them; (Pref. P. 6.) They love to hear Rhymes, or (as He elegantly expreſſes it) *the Conſonance of final Syllables*; (Pref. P. 7.) He is of a *verſifying Humour*; (Pref. P. 4.) They love to be entertained with *Variety and Confuſion*: He to pack together *a Collection of Miſcellanies*; *not digeſted into Order, according to the Nature of the Subject*, (Pref. P. 11.) Were not ſuch Writers and ſuch Readers made on Purpoſe for each other? Could any Thing happen to prevent a Match between them? Might he not have puſhed his Fortune, or rather ſeized the Reputation ready to fall into the Arms of his Deſerts, with the utmoſt Eaſe, Security, and Confidence, had it not been for theſe groundleſs and fooliſh Fits of Deſpondency, which ſometimes ſeize the ableſt Men on the ſlighteſt Occaſions?

He ſays, to recommend his Compoſitions, that ſundry of them were *fortuitous Productions*, *formed without any previous Deſign*, and *upon no ſpecial Occaſions*: (Pref. P. 1.) But confeſſes, that ſome of them indeed have had the Misfortune to have had ſome Pains taken with them, without giving us any Mark whereby to diſtinguiſh the one Sort from the other; which is much to be wiſhed He had done. For the World, his Readers, for Want of a nice Diſcernment, are unable to ſay, which are the more elaborate Pieces, and which are they that were originally committed to Paper without Fear or Wit, (as *the moſt agreeable Way of ſecuring them from Oblivion*, Pref. P. 1.) and afterwards publiſhed with *Diffidence*. But after all, my humble Opinion is, that they are all of one, and that the moſt uſeful Kind; and that the ſingular Modeſty of the Author occaſioned him to pretend otherwiſe, for Fear of being thought too great a Magnifier of the Perfection of his own Productions.

Before I go on any farther and enter on my main Deſign, I cannot help returning my hearty Thanks to our Author, for his pious and laudable Attempt to baniſh the *Heathen Deities*, not only for their being *no Gods*, but, as he juſtly diſtinguiſhes, for their being *foreign* Gods and Goddeſſes, from the Dominions of Chriſtian Poetry; where they have too long kept their Ground to the Scandal of all Chriſtendom. This Enormity if I miſtake not, has been complained of before, but I hope it will now be removed; ſince the Cauſe is afreſh eſpouſed by one of ſuch high Authority in the Commonwealth of Learning. Let not any one object here that our Author in talking of a Muſe and a Nymph in the Body of his Book, contradicts his own Undertaking, as expreſſed in the eleventh and twelfth Pages of his Preface, where He tells us how *ſcrupulouſly He has avoided the Invocation of fabulous Deities*, and what a *great Impropriety it is to introduce foreign Deities into Engliſh Devotion*, &c. For, the Muſe which our Author celebrates, was not one of thoſe Virgin Deities, who uſed to ramble about on Viſiting Days to the Houſes or Garrets of Bards reſiding in the Heathen Country adjacent to *Parnaſſus*: Nor was the Nymph He ſpeaks of that light Wench *Egeria*, whoſe Intrigue with *Numa Pompilius*, makes ſo eminent a Part of the Roman Hiſtory. But the Muſe and the Nymph whom He vouchſafes to immortalize, are two honeſt Country Girls Natives of H———r in *Virginia*, (otherwiſe called the *Bœotia* of *America*.) They were born and bred in a certain gloomy Swamp; whoſe Bottom is covered with a *luxurious Puddle*. Our Author remembers very well when they were born, and was very merry at the Chriſtening of them both. And if any Man of a *natural Poetick Taſte*, or *Verſifying Humour*, (which is exactly the ſame Thing,) wants their Acquaintance and Favour, He can inform him of the particular Place of their preſent Abode; and will not perhaps refuſe his Attendance to introduce him to their Graces.

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